



16th Special Operations Wing

Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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AFAD strengthens base, community relationship

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson
Public Affairs

The first Armed Forces Appreciation Day – a celebration sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce that honored local military members – was Saturday.

The day began with an 8 a.m. memorial service at the Air Force Armament Museum, followed by a 9 a.m. breakfast at the Eglin Air Force Base Enlisted Club and a parade, which began at the intersection of State Road 189 and Camp Pinchot and ended at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, where the day's events were held.

The parade, marshalled by country singer Lee Greenwood, featured Hurlburt Field Honor Guard members, local high school bands, several military vehicles and local government representatives.

At the fairgrounds, vendors set up displays, to provide information and hand out "goodie bags" to spectators.

"This day isn't just about the military. We're so proud of what they do, but honestly I think it's larger than that," said Eva Wilkes, a vendor at the fairgrounds. "This couldn't have come at a better time. After that horrific situation in New York, people need to recognize this goes beyond the military."

The vendors ranged from businesses to Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from local high schools. Outside were static displays of military helicopters, Army Rangers, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Hurlburt Field Humvees.

Unseasonably warm temperatures didn't stop several hundred people from coming out to show their support and enjoy a line up of performers, such as



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Vic Owens

Senior Master Sgt. Joe Haertsch (left) and Staff Sgt. James Gagnon, 16th Security Forces Squadron, stride down the street as Col. James Cox, 16th Support Group commander, rides atop a Humvee during the Armed Forces Appreciation Day parade Saturday. See Page 10 for more about the event.

the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid America, Tops in Blue and local high school bands.

The event was open to the public, who were eager to show their support.

"I'm ecstatic to see this many people here supporting our military," said Darlene Guntridge, a spectator at the

event. "A lot of people don't realize the work and dedication that goes into what they do, and I for one, truly appreciate it. I've never been in the military, but my father served time in the Army and he always spoke highly of it."

People gathered around the stage, filled the bleachers and stood where ever

they could catch a glimpse of the performers.

"It's really packed out here, but it's not everyday we get to say thank you to someone for doing a good job. I'm hoping military members will feel just a little bit of the gratitude that some of us have for them," said Mrs. Guntridge.

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Col. Lyle Koenig
Commander, 16th SOW

CDC priorities

Comment: I would like to know why single parents get on the first priority waiting list and families with two working parents are in second priority waiting list for getting childcare at the Child Development Center. My husband's in a career field that has a lot of temporary duties, and when he's TDY or flying, I have to get off early to pick up my child before the home day care closes. The home day care we use will also be closing before my son can get into the CDC. In the past four weeks, I've gone from eight to 12 on the second

priority waiting list due to single parents being added to the first priority list. I just don't see how this is fair.

Reply: Currently, when a single parent (active duty) requests childcare they're placed at the back of the first priority list. This action bumps those on the second priority list (dual military, military with working spouse, dual DOD civilians and DOD civilian with working spouse) backward even though their position on the second priority list hasn't changed. Four single parents applied for care and as a result you moved backward on the list. I've given priority to single parents

because of a lower total family income and, as you know, finding off base care is difficult, expensive and less supportive of a member performing their primary duties on base. Being active duty, they have the same work challenges of dual military and civilians, but no help with parenting duties.

The need for childcare has grown tremendously here in the last three years. With the CDC capacity at 172 children and a waiting list of 146, the wait to get in has grown longer for everyone. When your family day care closes, check with the CDC about leasing the space of a child who's on vacation. Parents of these children still have to pay for their childcare space. By leasing their child's space out to another child of the same age, they save money and the CDC is able to provide short-term care.

There is currently a \$7 million project in the planning stages to build a new CDC with a larger capacity. In the meantime, the CDC will work closely with parents to locate availability in alternate centers such as family child care homes, Eglin CDC, and Okaloosa Child Care Services referral locations. If you'd like to explore these options, contact the Hurlburt Field CDC at 884-3144. See Page 8 for more information about CDC waiting list priorities.

America's heroes: those who serve

by **Kristine Goodfellow**
Air Force spouse

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D.—Deployments are part of the job. Military spouses know and understand that.

It's not a part of the job that any of us particularly likes or enjoys, but it's understood if your spouse is in the armed service.

When our country needs my husband, I'm fully confident that he's been fully trained and has become an expert at his job. I know that when he's here, his training continues, and as a professional, he does his best whether it's in an actual deployment or an exercise at home.

It's never easy to say goodbye to someone you love. It doesn't get any easier the more you do it, either. Every time my husband goes on a deployment, I know the first few weeks are going to be the worst. I subconsciously wait for him to come through the door every evening. I wait to hear the garage door opening and for him to walk into the house. I wait to hear his voice calling out to the kids, "Where are my boys?"

As soon as they hear this, they come running from wherever they are. The dog even waits for him by the door every night for the first few weeks. After a while, the dog stops waiting and realizes that he won't be home.

When he was deployed to Kosovo, I wrote to him every single day. His crew would tease him because the mail didn't come regularly there. Every few days he would receive several envelopes from me at once. Add the children's drawings and cards—he received a lot of mail. The crew teased him that he had his own fan club. And in a way, I guess he did. He said it always

made his day when the mail arrived. It was well worth the teasing.

It seems like as soon as your spouse is deployed, everything needs attention at home. The washer breaks, the car makes a funny squeaking sound, the kids flood the bathtub and it leaks down to the basement. After a few deployments, you become an expert at learning to fix things yourself. Either that or you learn the name of a good repairman and have it handy.

Those of us in military housing usually band together to make things easier for each other. There's camaraderie between us because we all know what it's like. We all have periods when it's like we're grieving. In a way I guess we are. It's like a loss. We know it's not permanent, but it still hurts.

There's the fear factor in this, too. When you know it's not an exercise and there's potential for dangerous missions, you completely understand what's at stake. The only thing you can do in that situation is pray. I know for a fact that spouses left behind do a lot of that.

The children know that "something's up." My children are old enough now to see the news broadcasts and read newspapers. They know what happened in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon.

At first, my oldest son was afraid. He didn't want to go to school because he was afraid someone would bomb it. I reassured him that there were many people in places of high authority that would make sure he was safe. I had to reassure him many times before he was comfortable. After the initial shock wore off, the kids wanted to see justice done. They said it in their own way,

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NEWS

Tops in Blue brings Magic of Music

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson
Public Affairs

The Air Force prides itself on having an elite team of airmen who carry out the mission daily. From pilots and Special Operators to contractors and cops, Air Force members are always at the top of their game.

Another elite group of Air Force members made their way to Hurlburt Field Thursday.

Tops in Blue, the Air Force's entertainment showcase, took the base by storm as they performed renditions of Broadway,

pop and dance music.

The theme of the show, "The Magic of Music," was a 90-minute medley of songs geared at captivating the audience. Music sets a mood and can even carry us to a place we always dreamed about," said Tom Edwards, the show producer and director of Air Force entertainment.

The mood was upbeat and positive as the audience of a few hundred gathered around the stage on blankets and chairs.

With clear skies and fair temperatures, the audience was able to sit back and relax for an hour and a half, while the performers took them back in time.

The cast, 35 active-duty airmen, is responsible for every aspect of the show, from setting up over 34,000 pounds of stage lighting and audio equipment, to arranging their lodging, ground transportation, dining and wardrobe.

Amongst other tasks, performers must also master the instrumental, vocal and choreography requirements of the performance.

Once it all comes together, the Tops in



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Vic Owens

First Lts. Joni Grunewald (left) and Cashenna McCullough, from Eielson AFB, Alaska, and Moody AFB, Ga. respectively, wow the crowd at the show.

Blue team is ready to begin its travels to 20 countries, where 125 performances are put on.

"This show reminds us, through music, that we can all have a little more magic in our lives," Mr. Edwards said.

With the assistance of sparkling costumes, dazzling stage lights and a little audience participation, the base was eyewitness to the true meaning of "The Magic of Music."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Vic Owens

Senior Airman Ryan Ennis, from Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, sings at the Tops in Blue performance Thursday.

Combat Controller takes tops at scuba school

by Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller
AFSOC Public Affairs

His uniform boasts an Army Special Forces tab, a Ranger tab, a combat infantry badge and jump wings.

Among all the badges and tabs, the small scuba bubble on his left pocket is the one Staff Sgt. Dan Rimes says he wears with the most pride.

The former Army Ranger is now eight months into training as an Air Force Combat Controller, and not only earned the right to wear the scuba badge but did so as the honor graduate from the combat dive qualification course.

"I never imagined earning honors at any of the courses," said Sergeant Rimes. "Certainly earning honor graduate at the scuba school was a surprise. But if I were to earn honors at any of the courses, I'm thrilled it was at the one considered to be the toughest."

The dive course, held at the John F. Kennedy Special Forces Underwater Operation School in Key West, Fla., is considered by many to be one of the toughest military training courses in the Department of Defense. The high-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Diane Thomas

Staff Sgt. Dan Rimes retrieves his scuba gear from the bottom of the pool during pre-scuba training at Hurlburt Field.

Spotlight on ...



Michelle Jones

Name: Michelle Jones

Rank/Duty Title: Senior Airman/personnel specialist

Organization: 15th Special Operations Squadron

Hometown: Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Hobbies: Running, shopping and going to the beach

Contribution to the mission: Airman Jones is a top-notch worker with a can-do attitude. She was selected as the 15th SOS Airman of the Year, after previously being selected for senior airman below-the-zone. Number one in a six-person commander's support staff, her high energy and output are unequalled.

As a member of the Hurlburt Field Advisory Council, she relates issues affecting her unit and their families up the chain of command for review and action.

She works diligently towards achieving her Community College of the Air Force degree in personnel management, and is nine hours away from completion.

(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, but who may not receive much recognition day-to-day. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

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AIR FORCE NEWS

Veterans Day message from SECAF, CSAF

by **James Roche**,
Secretary of the Air Force, and
Gen. John Jumper,
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON – For more than 80 years, Americans have reserved one day each autumn to pause and pay tribute to the veterans of our military.

In 1921, when this tradition began, it was known as Armistice Day – a day to celebrate the end of the fighting of World War I. But World War I wasn't the end of all wars, and Americans have had many opportunities to mourn and pay tribute to the continued service and sacrifices of our military veterans.

This autumn, in the midst of a war against terrorism, we again take the opportunity to pause and pay tribute to our military veterans. On Nov. 11, Veterans Day, we honor the brave and selfless Americans who've served, as well as those who continue to serve, for the causes of freedom, liberty and justice. (AFPN)

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though. I was carpooling my two children and two children of another military family. We were coming home from school a week after the attack.

"It's been a week now," one of the boys said. "We need to find these guys and make sure they don't ever try to attack America again."

The others answered, "Yeah! They don't know who they're dealing with! We have the best military in the world!" I think the spirit of America can be reflected in the words of these two 10-year-olds.

I thank God every night that I live in this country. It's a privilege to be an American. With that knowledge, I understand it's also a privilege to serve under that mighty flag, and that's exactly what our spouses are doing. We're saddened when they leave, but we're honored to know and love such patriots. They're our own heroes; they're America's heroes.

AF makes 1 millionth food drop

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – U.S. Air Force aircrews delivering humanitarian daily rations to Afghanistan Oct. 31 surpassed the one million mark when a loadmaster on board one of two C-17 Globemaster III cargo planes symbolically tossed a lone packaged meal from the rear of his transport plane.

The mission was the 61st successful flight for the C-17s and aircrews, which continue to airdrop the meals, commonly referred to as HDRs, to displaced refugees throughout the country.

The C-17s and aircrews, temporarily sent here from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., have been delivering 34,000 to 70,000 of the meals, enclosed in plastic, almost every night since the humanitarian aspect of Operation Enduring Freedom began Oct. 8.

"Last night was a major milestone, one million HDRs delivered, and we'll continue to drop HDRs," said Col. Bob Allardice, C-17 humanitarian airdrop mission commander. "This is symbolic of our continued effort and commitment to the people of Afghanistan."

"The U.S. is committed to providing relief to people who are starving," he said. "From our crews' perspective, that's a good thing and we'll continue to focus on our mission."

Two C-17s delivered about 35,000 rations, including the one millionth, over northeastern Afghanistan using the now-proven tri-wall air delivery, or TRIAD, system. Refrigerator-sized cardboard boxes filled with rations are tied to static lines that release the containers as they roll out of the rear of



Photo by Mannie Garcia

C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster "Brian" removes tie-down straps in preparation for dropping tri-wall air delivery systems containing humanitarian daily rations. The Oct. 31 mission surpassed the one million mark of rations dropped into Afghanistan since the humanitarian relief effort began Oct. 8.

the aircraft. The containers disintegrate in midair, scattering the HDRs over targeted drop zones.

"We knew we were going to have the one millionth [HDR] on board, and we were proud to be the crew to do it," said C-17 pilot Lt. Col. "Shane," whose last name is being withheld for security reasons.

"I think every one of these flights is special, but one million, that's really special," Shane said. "I've been flying for 18 years, and I jumped at the opportunity. Every one of us knew we had to get airborne and en route. It was going to happen. There was no way we weren't going to drop the one millionth."

Staff Sgt. "Pete," the loadmaster who tossed the symbolic HDR out

the rear, called the historic opportunity an honor. The initial load went out the back – 42 containers laden with HDRs were dropped in about eight seconds. Wearing high-altitude gear to protect him from the harsh elements, including a lack of oxygen and roughly 68-degree-below-zero temperatures, Pete grasped the HDR, held it up to his face for a moment, and then flung it out of the rear.

"I sent it out special," Pete said. "At that moment, I remember thinking, 'there's another loadmaster and I don't want to hit him with it.'"

So Pete used an overhand toss to send it on its way into the darkness, and hopefully into the waiting hands of another hungry refugee. (AFPN)

Look who's talking: What occupation do you most respect?



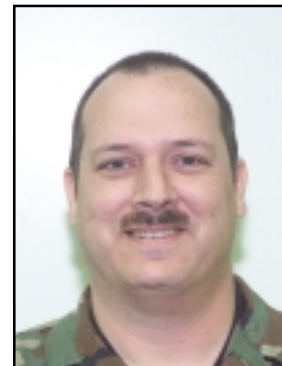
"The occupation I most respect is the command chief's position, because it takes a great deal of effort to manage this base."

**Airman
Rebecca Collins**
16th Mission
Support Squadron



"Teachers, since they've played a major role in my education, and on America as a continuing educational superpower."

**2nd Lt.
John Nolan**
16th Logistics
Support Squadron



"I think first sergeants constantly deal with very difficult issues and situations. That's why I have a lot of respect for that position."

**Master Sgt.
Donald Hoyes**
16th Component
Repair Squadron

Hurlburt Field gets 23 new chiefs



More than 22 percent of eligible senior master sergeants will be promoted to the Air Force’s highest enlisted rank throughout the next year. This percentage is about an eight point increase from the previous year, and the highest rate of chief master sergeant selects since 1986.

The following Hurlburt Field senior master sergeants were selected for promotion to chief master sergeant:

Air Force Special Operations Command
James Anderson, Mark Anderson, Dale Carlson, Everett Evans, Thomas Huberty, Gordon Scott and Kent Sipes.

16th Aircraft Generation Squadron
LaMarr Conley

16th Communications Squadron
William Robinson

16th Component Repair Squadron
Eduardo Bedoya

16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Ernest Littlewood

16th Medical Operations Squadron
Charles Jones and Scott Robinson

16th Mission Support Squadron
Dwayne Paul

16th Operations Group
Nathan Horton

16th Operations Support Squadron
Michael LeBlanc

823rd RED HORSE Squadron
Perry Oates

20th Special Operations Squadron
Kevin Thurman

16th Special Operations Wing
Philip Withers and Randall Keen

16th Support Squadron
Antonio Baily and Pete Christofferson

505th Systems Squadron
Charles Hawkins



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qualification standards for the course have resulted in one of the highest attrition rates.

"The class started with 47 students, eight of which were Air Force," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey, an Air Force Combat Controller serving as an instructor at the joint school. "Only 25 students met the standards to graduate, including all eight Air Force students."

Sergeant Rimes' academic and physical standards were surpassed by only one other student; an Army student who earned distinguished graduate honors, said Sergeant Bailey. According to the dive instructor, this is the first time in more than two years an Air Force student has earned honor graduate at the course.

Air Force and Army students attending the course face academic and physical challenges. Academically, they need to master the physics and physiology of diving, as well as basic dive medicine and the Navy dive tables.

The physical demands expand with each week of training, said Sergeant Bailey. Students start week one running two miles, and progress to a nine-mile timed run by the end of the course. They're also scored on surface swim, which begins with a 1,000-meter swim and increases to 3,000 meters. They must also complete a 130-foot dive in order to pass the course.

Sergeant Rimes credits the pre-scuba course taught through the Advance Skills Training program, here, as giving him an edge at the combat dive course.

"There are mental and physical challenges to the combat dive course," said Sergeant Rimes, a native of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and a 1987 graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. "It's about 80 percent mental and 20 percent physical. The physical and mental stress we go through in the pre-scuba course here really helped meet those challenges at Key West."

According to the AST superintendent of operations, the pre-scuba training at Hurlburt Field combines the criteria and curriculum from other services' scuba courses to enhance the training for students.

"Our pre-scuba course exceeds the standards at the combat dive course in Key West," said Ron Childress. "By pulling the best from the Navy SEALs and the combat dive courses to create our curriculum we hope to better prepare the trainees for what they'll face at the school in Key West."

AST is a 12-month program designed to bring Combat Control trainees from the apprentice stage to the combat-ready level. Before entering the AST program in April, Sergeant Rimes completed air traffic control school, Army Airborne School, Air Force Basic Survival School and the Combat Control School.

Trainees in the AST are exposed to a variety of physical and mental tests, along with mentorship from experience Combat Controllers and Pararescuemen, to better prepare them for the remaining technical schools they face before being able to join an Air Force Special Operations Command Special Tactics Team.

Having seen the AFSOC Special Tactics Teams in action while an Army Ranger, Sergeant Rimes knew it was the mission he wanted.

"While with the Ranger battalion, we would take part in training exercises with the Air Force Controllers," he said. "I'd watch them work the airstrips and was amazed at all the things they did. Their job was so diversified, working with Army Special Forces, Navy SEALs and Army Rangers, I knew that's what I wanted to do."

The 33-year-old sergeant has about eight months left in his journey to becoming a mission-ready Combat Controller.

"I look forward to completing training and joining a Special Tactics Team," he said. "I can't wait to be able to support the AFSOC mission wherever it takes me."

The path to the scarlet beret

To become mission-ready, Combat Controllers are in training for more than two years attending the following courses:

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|-----------------------------|--|
| -Air Traffic Control School | -Special Forces Scuba School |
| -Army Jump School | -High Altitude Low Opening jump school |
| -Air Force Survival School | -Advanced Skills Training |
| -Combat Control School | |
| -Advanced Skills Training | |
| -Pre-scuba course | |

CDC prioritizes base childcare needs

by **Lori Anderson**
16th Services Squadron

At Hurlburt Field, "Any Time, Any Place," childcare is in high demand, but spaces are limited.

Providing quality childcare is a mission readiness and work-force issue because it supports parents in balancing their parental responsibilities and mission requirements.

A parent or employee who's happy with their care arrangements is better able to focus on the military mission.

The need for childcare has grown tremendously at Hurlburt Field over the last three years.

Therefore every effort is made to help families locate at least one affordable childcare option through the resource and referral program.

Because Hurlburt Field's Child Development Center capacity is 172 with a waiting list of 146, a priority system was established to ensure parents with the greatest need have access to affordable childcare first.

The priority system for parents seeking enrollment in the Hurlburt Field Child Care Programs is as follows:

First priority – Single parents (active duty and Department of Defense civilian)

Second priority – Dual military, active duty with working spouse and DoD civilian with a working spouse

Third priority – Active duty

and DoD civilian with a non-working spouse

Fourth priority – DoD contractors

First priority is given to active duty or DoD civilian single parents, because they often have a lower total family income and because they find off base care difficult to secure, more expensive, and less supportive of a member performing their primary duties on base.

Additionally, single parents have little help with parenting duties. All "dually employed" parents, whether dual military, military with a working spouse, or DoD civilian with a working spouse have equal work/child care challenges and are given priority after single parents.

There is currently a \$7 million project in the planning stages to build a new CDC with a larger capacity. Although several years down the road, this facility will greatly expand our ability to meet the childcare needs of the Hurlburt Field community.

In the meantime, if people have immediate child care needs, they can contact Carol Carter, Family Child care Coordinator, at 884-2869 for assistance.

The Family Child Care Program works closely with parents to locate availability in Family Child Care Homes or alternate centers such as Eglin Air Force Base CDC, Eglin Family Child Care, and Okaloosa Child Care Services referral locations.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

The Child Development Center, on McMillan Street, provides childcare for Hurlburt Field families.

Commissary accepting scholarship applications

FORT LEE, Va. – Don't be like those holiday shoppers who wait until the last minute.

Applications and fact sheets for the 2002 Scholarships for Military Children program are available at the Hurlburt Field commissary and at www.commissaries.com.

The deadline for filing completed applications for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 5.

Administered by the Fisher House Foundation through a professional scholarship evaluation company, the \$1,500 scholarships are funded through industry donations.

"The response from military families to the 2001 program was fantastic," said, Maj. Gen. Robert Courter Jr., Defense Commissary Agency Director. "More than 5,000 students applied for the scholarships, and through the generosity of our industry partners, nearly 400 scholarships were awarded. We anticipate receiving double the applications and making even more scholarship awards in 2002."

Sons and daughters of U.S. military identification card holders, including active duty, retirees, Guard and Reserves, may apply for the scholarships.

Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, is determined using the Department of Defense ID Card Directive.

Applicants may be college-bound high school seniors, or students already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program.

Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and write an essay that describes how his or her activities have enriched the community.

"We had great feedback on the program last year," says Scholarship Program Manager Edna Hoogewind, "and made

two major changes for 2002 as a result."

A military ID may still have to be shown at the commissary for entry due to heightened security, but the ID is no longer needed as proof of eligibility when the application is turned in at the commissary. Applicants will be checked through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System prior to awarding scholarships, so sponsors should ensure that their children are enrolled in DEERS prior to applying.

In addition, students who don't live close to a commissary will be able to mail their applications to the nearest store location.

Good things don't always come to those who wait, cautions Ms. Hoogewind.

"The majority of students wait to turn in their applications at the last minute, and if there's something missing, it might be too late to fix it before the deadline," she said. "Completed applications and attachments are due at your nearest commissary by close of business Tuesday, Feb. 5."

"We advise hand delivery to the nearest commissary or the commissary where you shop regularly, but if you do mail it in, you might want to send it by some form of delivery that requires a return signature," said Ms. Hoogewind. "In addition, if the applicant includes a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the forms, scholarship managers will acknowledge receipt of the application."

A permanent link with details on the Scholarships for Military Children program has been added to www.commissaries.com at the "what's new" link. The scholarship application and frequently asked questions can be accessed and downloaded from the Web site. (DECA)



Do Something Good For Tomorrow
RECYCLE TODAY!

FEATURE



Photo by Senior Airman James Davis

(clockwise from above) Honor guard members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces display the colors at a memorial service as part of Armed Forces Appreciation Day Saturday; the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard leads the parade with a 12-person marching unit that included a color team and a manual-of-arms execution with M-1 rifles outfitted with fixed bayonets; spectators get emotional during the Tops in Blue performance at the fairgrounds; an Eglin Air Force Base fire truck and flashy local law enforcement vehicles were included in the parade; several static displays were set up, including an MH-53 Pave Low helicopter.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Vic Owens

Armed Forces Appreciation Day

The first Armed Forces Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds Saturday.

The day honored local military members with a day full of events, including a memo-

rial service at the Air Armament Museum, a breakfast, and a parade featuring the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard, military vehicles, community rescue and law enforcement vehicles, local high school bands and more.

At the fairgrounds, vendors set up infor-

mative displays and military members set up static displays of helicopters and vehicles. Additionally, a free lunch was provided.

Performances were made by country music singer Lee Greenwood, the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid America, Tops in Blue and local high school bands.



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Recycling pays off for Hurlburt Field residents



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Vic Owens

Robert Edwards, Arrow Disposal Services, prepares some hot dogs for Commando Village residents during the recycling picnic, commemorating their success in being the top recycling housing area for 2001.

**by Staff Sgt.
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Recycling at Hurlburt Field pays. How it pays was once again demonstrated Oct. 27 when the Hurlburt Field Recycling Team — consisting of the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental and Operations Flights, 16th Services Squadron and Arrow Disposal Services — sponsored a recycling celebration for the residents of Commando Village housing.

Col. James Cox, 16th Support Group commander, and Robin Armhold, pollution prevention program manager, unveil two benches given to Commando Village during the recycling picnic.

Commando Village, which competed with the three other housing areas, had the highest participation.

The Hurlburt Field Recycling Team saw the event as a way to encourage housing residents to recycle.

"Awareness and education about the benefits of recycling are the keys to a successful recycling program," said Robin Armhold, pollution prevention program manager. "Most people need to see some sort of reward for their efforts. This, along with free swimming at the base pool

this year, is just another example of that reward."

The reward in this case was given to all residents of Commando Village.

The 16th CES and Arrow Disposal provided a free picnic lunch with hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings to all residents.

In addition, the Hurlburt Field Recycling Center provided two park benches that memorialize the occasion. The benches are made from recycled plastic lumber. This lumber is so durable that it requires no maintenance and is guaranteed to remain beautiful for 50 years. "This is our way of closing the loop on recycling," Ms. Armhold said. "It doesn't do much good to recycle if we don't purchase products made from recycled materials."

The competition among housing occupants continues as they begin a new fiscal year. Next years celebration is expected to be bigger and better than ever, Ms. Armhold said.

In true recycling spirit, the team donated 300 hamburgers and hot dogs to Hurlburt Field's Meals on Little Wheels program, which feeds several security force augmentees, reservists, maintainers and crews each week.

In the coming weeks, recycling will once again grab the spotlight. In celebration of America Recycles Day Thursday, members of the recycling team will have an information and awareness booth set up at the base exchange.

During this event Hurlburt Field community members will have the opportunity to cast their suggestion for the base's official recycling motto.



Be an angel



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson

Col. Raymond Killgore, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander, and daughter, Emily, adopt the first angel from the Hurlburt Field Angel Tree. The angel tree, in the base exchange lobby, bears 170 angel tags, each representing a child from one of 80 base families, who can benefit from donations for the holidays. Angel tags have information about the children including their names, ages, sizes and holiday wishes. Additionally, the tag contains a code that identifies the child while keeping him anonymous. The angel tree program runs until Dec. 14. People can adopt an angel by taking a tag, purchasing a gift and returning the gift to the BX. First sergeants will pick up the gifts Dec. 17. For more information about the Angel Tree, contact 1st Lt. Dawn Welborn at 884-5563.

Veterans Day hours

Facility	Friday	Monday
Autopride/Class Six/Shoppette	24 hours	24 hours
Barber shop	Normal hours	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Burger King	Normal hours	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Child development center	6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Closed
Commando Fitness Center	Closed	Closed
Commissary	Normal hours	Closed
Community center	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed
Gator Lakes Golf Club	6:30 a.m. - dusk	6:30 a.m. - dusk
Hulburt Lanes Bowling Center	9 a.m. - 11 p.m.	noon - 10 p.m.
Information Tickets and Travel	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Closed
Main exchange	Normal hours	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Main exchange concessions	Normal hours	Closed
Main exchange food court	Normal hours	Closed
Mini mall	Normal hours	Closed
Library	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Closed
Lodging	Normal hours	Normal hours
Marina	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Oasis Café	Closed	Closed
Outdoor recreation	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Closed
J.R. Rockers	4 - 11 p.m.	5 - 10 p.m.
Skills development center	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Closed
The Reef Dining Facility	6 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 6:30 p.m.	6 a.m. - 1 p.m., 4 - 6:30 p.m.
The Soundside	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
Velocity Subs	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed
Youth center	5:30 - 10 p.m.	Closed

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Military

Veterans Day cookout

American Veterans Post number 29, hosts a Veterans Day open house and cookout Sunday at 1 p.m. There'll be free food for active duty members. The post is located off U.S. Highway 98 in Destin, behind Sexton's Seafood Market, 106 Benning Drive 2. For more information, call 837-1793.

TMO closes

Transportation Management Office, personal property, passenger and freight services will be minimum manned at noon, today. Friday its closed for the wing down day and Monday for the observance of Veterans Day. For emergency TMO services Friday and Monday, call the Wing Operations Center at 884-8100 or vehicle dispatch at 884-7223.

CGO meeting

The Company Grade Officer's Council meets Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the J.R. Rockers Daytona room. Members will discuss community service and professional development. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Matt Heintzelman at 884-2729.

Community

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society commemorates the 25th anniversary of its Great American Smokeout Thursday. The society created this one-day event to let the public know how they can take an active role in protecting their health. The Hurlburt Field Health and Wellness Center is taking this opportunity to highlight the dangers of tobacco use by asking its population to try and quit for just one day. The HAWC will provide "goodie bags" filled with quitting tip brochures, stress balls, gum and hard candy. The bags can be picked up at the 16th Medical Group and the HAWC all day Wednesday as well as at the base exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 884-4292.

Comptroller closes

The 16th Comptroller Squadron closes at 1 p.m. Tuesday for a commander's call.

Suspicious packages

The following are things to do when dealing with suspicious packages that may contain anthrax:

○Never assume the item is safe to move, leave it in place

○Don't shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package

○Place the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage of contents

○If you don't have a container, then cover the envelope or package with anything such as clothing, paper or

a trash can, and don't remove the cover

○Leave the room and close the door or section off the area to prevent others from entering

○Isolate people who had direct contact with the package

○Evacuate the building as needed (don't leave the area until dismissed by the on-scene commander)

○Turn off the air conditioning or heating system on your way out of the room or building

○Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face

○Report the incident to local police by dialing 911 but don't use a cellular phone

Potluck dinner

The Family Support Center sponsors a "Hearts Apart" Thanksgiving Potluck dinner for spouses and families of deployed members Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at FSC. To make reservations and coordinate dishes, call Tech. Sgt. Karen Guilmette at 884-6797.

Annual leave

Most civilian employees are permitted to carry over a maximum balance of 240 hours of annual leave from one leave year to the next. All leave in excess of this maximum balance must be expended by the end of the current leave year Jan. 12, 2002 or it will be forfeited. Forfeitable annual leave must have been requested, approved and scheduled in writing no later than three bi-weekly pay periods prior to the end of the leave year Dec. 1, 2001. The scheduling of use or lose leave by Dec. 1 is a joint responsibility of the supervisor and the employee. When employees fail to schedule their annual leave, supervisors should take the necessary steps to ensure the leave is scheduled by Dec. 1. There are two circumstances in which forfeited annual leave may be restored. If the leave was scheduled in advance and the employee was precluded from using it due to illness or if the leave couldn't be used due to a demand of public service. For more information on restoring leave, call the employee relations specialist at Eglin Air Force Base at 882-4298 or Hurlburt Field at 884-5219.

Commissary hours

The Hurlburt Field Commissary closes Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day and reopens Wednesday. The commissary will open Nov. 19 and close Nov. 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. It resumes normal operating hours Nov. 24.

Jewelry sale

The Eglin Air Force Base Officers' Spouses' Club sponsors a precious jewelry sale Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Eglin Officers Club. Military members, Department of Defense civilians and Nonappropriated Fund members are invited to attend.

Golden Corral

The Golden Corral restaurant hosts Military Appreciation Night, in support of Veterans Day Monday. Every Golden Corral restaurant across the country offers a free dinner buffet with choice of beverage to veterans or active duty military members, who visit the restaurant. Members must identify themselves at the register when they go through the line.



Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)

Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise &

11:15 a.m. (traditional),
12:30 p.m. (Gospel)

Youth and Single Groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults
and \$1.50 for children.
Movies start at 7 p.m.
unless otherwise
indicated.



Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) "Hardball," starring Keanu Reeves and Diane Lane – When Conor O'Neill tries to borrow money from a friend to pay for his gambling habit, the loan is on the condition that he coach a little league baseball team from the Cabrini Green housing projects. Meanwhile, off the field, Conor finds himself falling for the children's teacher, Miss Wilkes.

Saturday – (R) "Two Can Play That Game," starring Vivica Fox and Morris Chestnut – When it comes to matters of the heart, keeping her man happy and committed is all in a day's work for Shante Smith. But when her boyfriend Keith is caught stepping out with her arch-rival, Shante institutes a plan to get her man in line. Shante's about to discover that not only are there no rules – she's not the only one playing.

Eglin (882-1066)

Friday – (PG-13) "Glitter," starring Mariah Carey and Max Beesley – Billie Frank overcomes a turbulent childhood and struggles to find her true family and her true voice. She's discovered by Julian Dice, a charismatic, irresistible "bad boy" deejay, who soon becomes her partner, producer and lover. With Dice, she begins an exciting but often volatile and precarious journey.

Saturday – (R) "Don't Say a Word," starring Michael Douglas and Brittany Murphy – Doctor Nathan Conrad is a noted adolescent psychiatrist and has been asked to take care of a new patient named Elisabeth Burrows, a catatonic, violent but angelic-looking 18 year old girl. Little does Nathan suspect that Elisabeth is tied to a danger that has closed in on him and his family. Ruthless thieves have kidnapped Nathan's daughter, and to save her, he somehow must unlock a six-digit number locked away in Elisabeth's troubled mind.

Sunday – (PG-13) "Hearts in Atlantis," starring Anthony Hopkins and Anton Yelchin – Bobby lives with his mother, a bitter, vain woman who looks for pleasures for herself without sharing much with her son. Into their lives comes a mysterious new boarder, who befriends the boy but generates distrust from the mother. As time passes, the man and boy share confidences and special powers are revealed. The two share a summer's adventures and come to love one another before the inevitable happens.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

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Community

Native American

The Native American Heritage Committee hosts a story hour at the base theater Tuesday at 6 p.m. Traditional and contemporary Native American dancing will be performed along with social dancing and the making of Dreamcatchers. The event is free for everyone. For more information, call Michelle Reed at 884-6468.

Best base award

The Air Force Times sponsors a best base contest to recognize bases where living conditions, concern for members well-being and community spirit set the bar for excellence. Readers can log on to: www.AirForceTimes.com/bestbase to vote in categories such as best family life, best singles life, best facilities and best community life. Runner-ups and individual category winners will be named in the Monday issue of Air Force Times. Interested people should participate on their own time, using their own computer. For more information, call the public affairs office at 884-7464.

Vehicle registration

The visitor control centers at the main and east gates are issuing base decals from 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. The pass and registration office in Building 90210 will continue to issue decals from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Beginning Jan. 1, people with expired decals will be subject to a traffic citation. The extended hours, combined with an early start on issuing new decals will help eliminate the year end rush. For more information, call pass and registration at 884-5233, the main gate visitor control center at 884-4402 or the east gate at 881-4406.

Spouses club

The Hurlburt Field Officer's Spouses' club holds a luncheon Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at The Soundside club. The organization wishes a farewell to

Joyce Bailey, wife of Lt. Gen. Maxwell Bailey, Air Force Special Operations commander and will decorate the club for the holiday season. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all members. For more information, call 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963 for reservations.

Education office

The education office closes from 7 a.m. to noon today for the Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony. The ceremony will be held at The Soundside at 8:30 a.m.

AFSA

The Hurlburt Field Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association holds a meeting Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. in the back room of J.R. Rockers. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844 or visit the Web site at: www.afsa567.org.

Classes

FSC

For more information on Family Support Center classes, call 884-5441.

Transition Assistance Program – Tuesday, at 7:30 a.m.

Commando Welcome Spouse Tuesday, at 9 a.m.

Moms, Pops and Tots – Tuesday and Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

Transistion Assistance Program – Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Readiness – Thursday, at 9 a.m.

Kids Smooth Move – Thursday, at 4 p.m.

Deployment and Families – Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.

Culture Shock – Friday, at 11 a.m.

Taking charge of the Holidays – Friday, at 11:30 a.m.

No fat chance

The average American gains seven to 10 pounds of weight during the holiday season. The Health and Wellness Center can help prevent unwanted weight gain during the holiday season. The HAWC offers a "No Fat Chance" class Nov. 19 from 1 to

3 p.m. in the HAWC classroom A. The schedule includes: fitness strategies for a fit holiday, at 1 p.m., eating plan for enjoying the holidays without unwanted weight gain, at 2 p.m., and learn how to transform traditional high calorie holiday recipes into delicious and healthful creations, at 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the class, call 884-4292. Space is limited.

Sports

Golf tournament

The first Silent Shield Golf Tournament is scheduled Friday. There's a 7:45 a.m. show time and 9 a.m. shotgun start time. The tournament will be held at Gator Lakes Golf Club. The cost of the tournament is \$30 and includes green fees, cart and range balls. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place and hole-in-one prizes ranging up to \$10,000. For more information, call Master Sgts. Jim Gober at 884-2193 or Jon Scott at 884-2934.

Bowling

The Hurlburt Advisory Council and the First Sergeant's Council sponsor the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Bowl-A-Thon today at noon. Teams will consist of 5 people and there's a minimum \$25 donation per team. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Michelle Cleaton at 884-6711.

Intramural sports

The following is the line up for intramural fall sports:

Over-30 basketball – Wednesday

Intramural basketball – Dec. 10

Over-40 basketball – Dec. 14

Women's basketball – Dec. 18

Indoor soccer – Dec. 20

For more information, call 884-6884.

Turkey shoot

The Hurlburt Field Dive Club hosts an Underwater Turkey Shoot Saturday. Entry fee is \$5 which covers the door prizes. For more information, call Pam Doffek at 884-6266.

SPORTS



Above photos by Christina McAllister



(far left) Gaylin "Gmac" McAllister, who plays on the Dolphins youth flag football team, is determined to get through the swarm of Falcon players. Both teams are from Hurlburt Field's Youth Center. (top right) Casey Clark, demonstrates his speed and agility as he darts by a Falcon opponent. (bottom right) Connor Pank, a Falcon team player, shows how quick his hands are as he grabs the flag of a Dolphins runner.

Youth, adult flag football players have similiar goals on the field

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field flag football teams may have stiff competition in the future if children from the Hurlburt Field Youth Center have anything to say about it.

The youth center players have games on the weekends at the local Young Men's Christian Association against each other and Eglin Air Force Base.

These players may be small in size but they mean business when they're on the field. Small but determined is best to describe these tiny tacklers as they rush down the field with sheer exhilaration and a concern of just making it across that goal line.

The 16th Services Squadron and the 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron team two, which played each other Monday night, might have some future competitors.

However, 16th AGS didn't seem to be concerned with future competition because their present competitors offered them enough of a challenge.

16th SVS walked away with a 21-7 win.



Above photos by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson

(right) 16th Services Squadron team members eagerly await the hike during Monday night's flag football game against 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron team two.

(center) Sebastian Miller, 16th AGS (blue shirt) tries to defend himself against two 16th SVS opponents.

(center right) William Wojtas, 16th AGS (blue shirt) attempts to make a catch as Terry Barnes 16th Mission Support Squadron goes for his flag. 16th MSS and 16th SVS combined teams this season.